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The reply filed on July 7, 2003 is nonresponsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not address the following rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by DeSimone which is maintained for claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-13 and 24-27, 29-30 and 44-46, paragraph 7, pages 11-12.

The rejection under U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Visser et al which is maintained for claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-13, 24-27, 29-30 and 44-46 paragraph 8, pages 13-14.

The rejections under 112, second paragraph for claims 24, 25, 29-30, 32-39 and 45-46, which correspond to paragraphs 9-14, respectively, pages 14-16.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vanessa Ford whose telephone number is (703) 308-4735. The Examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM from Monday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette F Smith, can be reached on (703) 308-3909. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned to is (703) 305-3014. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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